(c) it so, by when a decision to empower MRTPC to prosecute parses violating its orders would be given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAN GAR AJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (c) There has been an increase in the number of violations of the MRTP Commissions orders. At present, the Commission can launch prosecution proceedings for violation of its orders by filing a complaint in the Court of Sessions. The Commission has recently asked the Government to declare it as a Court of Record by a suitable amendment in the MRTP Act. The Government is seriously considering giving powers of contempt to the MRTPC.

Supreme Court Judgement on the petition of All India Judges Association

453. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have studied the judegment of the Sup reme Court given recently on the petition of the All India Judges Asso ciation; and

(b) if so, what is the response of Government to the directions con tained in this judgement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMEN TARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINIS TER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COM PANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGA-RAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) A copy of the judgement is being awaited for which an application has been made to the Supreme Court.. This will be studied on receipt of the same. It may also be mentioned that, apart from the Central Government the State Governments are also parties who may be required to take action.

Clearance to Tehri Dam Project

@454. SHRI PARMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV:
KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL. ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have given final clearance to the Tehri Dam Project; if so, when was the clearance given;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government are reconsidering the entire project after the recent earthquake in and around Uttar Kashi; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The Government had, in November, 1986, decided to implement the Tehri Hydro Power Project Complex (2400 MW), which includes Tehri Dam Project, as a joint venture of the Government of India and the Government of Uttar Pradesh, and to seek Soviet technical and financial assistance for the same. There has been no change in this regard.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Toning up of functioning of power Generation Projects In the country

455. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA; Will the Minister of POWER

@Previously Unstarred Question 85, transferred from 20th November 1991.

AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have come forward with a new concept of 'Management Contract' for toning up the functioning of power generation projects in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details of this new concept;

(c) what has been the response of the various State Electricity Boards to this scheme; and

(d) what progress has been achiev ed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENER GY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (d) The Confederation of Engineering Industry had prepared a brief appro ach paper on Management Contract System which could be helpful in promoting capacity utilisation in pub lic utilities etc. The underlying ob jective of the system was to increase efficiency through support services in technology, maintenance, training, management, sales and related fields. Since the State Electricity Boards are autonomous bodies set up by the respective State Governments under the provisions of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, the approach paper was forwarded to all the State Electricity Boards and they were advised to consider introducing the Management Contract System in the operation of their activities.

The Confederation of Engineering Industry was also ad vised to approach these Boards direct- Role of the Power Finance Corporation

456. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENER-ERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the working results of power Finance Corporation during the last three years; and

(b) what is the extent to which Power Finance Corporation has been responsible for improving the working of the State Electricity Boards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The working results of Power Finance Corporation Ltd. for the last three years are as under: —

(Rs. in crores)

	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
Loans approved	784.33	1089.83	1404.22
Laons disbursed	497.71	697.65	894.86
Profit after Tax	14.65	30.40	73.18

(b) PFC's funding of over Rs. 1350 crores for generation schemes has helped the SEBs to add an additional capacity of 4,076 MW, in time. PFC has also sanctioned loans for Urban Distribution Schemes, installation of Shunt Capacitors and for transmission lines and substations. PFC's assistance to the Renovation & Modernisation of Power Stations during the 7th Plan has also enabled the SEBs to improve the average Plant Load Factor. Further, PFC is engaged in an exercise to improve the operational and financial efficiency of the SEBs through Action Plans.

Gas based Power Projects in Andhra Pradesh

457. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details regarding production capacity of gas based power projects in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is proposed to set up more gas-baaed projects In order